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SUBJECT: LABOR REACTION TO MONDELLI PLAN

1. MARCH 9 RETURN TO ARGENTINA OF CGT SEC GEN CASILDO HERRERAS INTERJECTED NEW DIMENSION IN GOA EFFORTS TO OBTAIN LABOR CONCURRENCE WITH MONDELLI PLAN. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ARRIVAL HERRERAS JOINED MINISTERS ECONOMY AND LABOR AND 62 ORGANIZATIONS LEADER LORENZO MIGUEL IN MEETING WITH PRESIDENT PERON. FOLLOWING MEETING IT WAS ANNOUNCED MRS. PERON WOULD ATTEND MEETING OF CGT AFFILIATED SECRETARIES GENERAL AND REGIONAL DELEGATES AT 4 P.M. MARCH 10. REPORTEDLY, SHE WILL OFFER VARIOUS CHANGES IN MONDELLI PLAN IN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN LABOR SUPPORT.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS SHE WILL AGREE TO RAISE WAGE INCREASE FROM PRO-OFFERED 12 PERCENT TO 20 PERCENT, CREATE IMMEDIATELY NATIONAL REMUNERATIONS INSTITUTE (INR) WHICH WILL PERIODICALLY ADJUST WAGES TO COMPENSATE FOR INFLATIONARY INCREASES, AND CONVOKE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING NEGOTIATIONS, BUT LIMIT THEM TO DISCUSSIONS ON WORKING CONDITIONS ONLY.

3. WORKERS' PROTESTS HAVE CONTINUED TO MOUNT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. SLOWDOWNS AND WORK STOPPAGES CONTINUE. IMPORTANT CORDOBA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CGT AND 62 ORGANIZATIONS HAVE OPENLY REPUDIATED PLAN. MORE

IMPORTANTLY, BA GOVERNOR CALABRO ALSO STRONGLY ATTACKED PLAN, WHICH HE SAID WAS "A FRAUD CREATED TO PAY DEBTS AND STARVE TO DEATH THE WORKERS." HIS SENTIMENTS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE CARRIED TO CGT MEETING BY LARGE NUMBER OF HIS BA PROVINCE ADHERENTS.

4. COMMENT. PROPOSALS FOR COMPROMISE AS SUGGESTED IN PRESS APPEAR UNLIKELY TO SATISFY DEMANDS OF RANK-AND-FILE. ACCORDINGLY, IT WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR LABOR LEADERSHIP TO BUY PROPOSALS. SHOULD AN ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE BE REACHED, THE MONDELLI PLAN WILL PROBABLY BE SO WEAKENED AS TO MAKE IT COMPLETELY INEFFECTIVE.
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